



"What So Proudly We Hail'd..."

WHAT SO proudly we hail'd at Philadelphia in 1776 has never seemed more precious than now. The principles of Freedom and Democracy—vindicating on the windy fields of Valley Forge—have been challenged again in the fox-holes of Bataan. To preserve these rights we pledge our energies, our resources, our lives, with the determination that nothing shall stand in the way of Victory.

AHEAD THERE lies hard work and sacrifice for all of us; and we at home are in the fight as well as our armed forces. Americans in every field of endeavor must bring to their wartime jobs the same spirit of courage and unity and heroism that our soldiers are showing on the field of battle.

Acute Housing Demand Here Shown In Survey; Plant Heads Must Act

If a public housing project is to be built in Torrance to relieve the acute shortage of dwellings for war-industry workers, it will be necessary for industrial plant executives to "pour the heat" on officials of the National Housing Agency. This phase of the situation is admitted by officials of both the Los Angeles City Housing Authority and the County Housing Authority.

While either the L. A. city or county housing authorities would be willing to undertake actual construction of houses or dormitories, allocation of Federal funds to finance any project depends upon efforts of local industrial executives and other city leaders.

In order to properly present the acute situation to industrial executives as well as the National Housing Agency, an extensive factual survey of housing needs here is being prepared. Preliminary drafts of the survey were reviewed this week with housing authority representatives and it is expected that the final report will be ready next week. The survey is complete with analytical charts, maps and tabulations showing the number of men now working in local industrial plants, and the number now living within the two, five, ten, 15, 20 and 25-mile radii.

Location determines authority. An impending shortage of more than 5,000 dwelling units faces this community unless relief is given by construction of additional dwelling units, according to officials of the National Housing Agency.

Federal Auto Stamp Supply Exhausted

The entire supply of 5,000 auto use tax stamps was exhausted at the Torrance post-office Monday and hundreds of motorists who attempted to obtain them here and at other nearby postoffices were forced to break the July deadline because of the lack of stamps. A new supply is expected at the postoffice here today or tomorrow.

ONLY 12 MORE DAYS TO REGISTER

For the Primary and Special Elections Aug. 25

Your registration was cancelled if at both the Primary and the General Elections in 1940 you failed to vote.

If you voted at either one of these elections in 1940, your registration remains in force unless you have since moved and have failed to re-register.

You can register if you are a citizen, 21 years of age; and if you have been a resident of the State for one year and of your county for 90 days prior to August 25.

New Building Sets All Time Record Here

Industrial expansion, details of which cannot be revealed because of expressed military reasons, accounted for the new all-time record of new construction set here last month when the building permit total soared to \$6,518,426.

This figure and the six months' total of \$7,145,118 are more than double the previous record full year of building here—1938's construction total of \$3,143,873.

In striking contrast to June's new record is the total for the same month in 1941, a scant \$43,830. The same huge difference in totals for the first six months of 1942—\$7,145,118—is noted in comparison with the half-year building figure for 1941—\$196,812.

The entire year of 1941 saw only \$804,397 in new construction here, according to records at the city engineer's office. Other previous yearly totals were:

1940	\$ 421,417
1939	591,552
1938	3,143,873
1937	1,096,067
1936	453,978
1935	204,895

County May Ban Parking Near Oil Refineries

Adoption of an emergency county ordinance to prohibit parking at any time on streets adjacent to oil refineries was recommended to the Board of Supervisors this week by the Los Angeles County traffic committee.

The measure was requested to preclude the possibility of sabotage to oil refining equipment and oil storage facilities, and was suggested by the oil industry's protection committee of the State Council of Defense, it was stated.

South Main st., Figueroa st., Wilmington ave., Avalon blvd., Sepulveda blvd., Alameda st. and Lomita blvd., all in close proximity to oil tank farms or to refineries, were included in the long list of streets mentioned.

An emergency ordinance was asked because it would contain an urgency clause to make the regulations effective immediately upon adoption. It would be effective "for the duration."

In addition, the County Traffic committee recommended that Lomita blvd., between Eubank ave. and the Pacific Electric Railway, be used to public travel, since it has a light surfacing and provides access to oil refinery property and the general public has virtually no business there.

First Allied War Relief Donation Made by CIO

The first check of approximately \$200 from the Allied War Relief Drive funds being raised by C. I. O. members at the Columbia Steel plant was turned over to the state director of the National C. I. O. Campaign yesterday. It will be apportioned among the Red Cross, U. S. O., China Relief and other allied causes.

The Columbia Steel C. I. O. workers' drive now has nearly 500 members who are pledged to give an hour's pay a month to the Allied War Relief cause, according to Don Wald, secretary of the committee in charge of the campaign. The initial check, he said, represents only the proceeds of about three weeks' time and other payments will be proportionately larger.

"We have pledged approximately \$500 a month toward this 'community chest' plan of meeting our obligations to the various war relief drives endorsed by the National C. I. O.," Wald said.

POLICE TO MEET JULY 7
All Torrance Auxiliary Police are instructed by Police Chief John Stroeh to attend an important meeting next Tuesday night, July 7, at 7 o'clock in the city hall courtroom.

BUY NEW HOME
Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bradford, Jr., have purchased a new home at 1519 Acacia ave.

VICTORY MAIL FOR SOLDIERS

Well named are the new "V-mail" letters, to be given quick, preferred dispatch to and from all service men stationed outside continental United States. Specially designed paper and envelopes will be distributed free to service men, and may be obtained at home from your local postoffice. The limit is three per person per day.

V-mail letters will get there faster; and surely it is a contribution toward victory to speed a cheery letter from home to any homesick boy in the armed services. Hours of waiting around an overseas postoffice must drag like years. Know a soldier out there somewhere? Write him a V-mail letter—today.

Scrap Rubber Drive Extended to July 10

Extension of the national scrap rubber campaign to July 10 should produce many more hundreds of pounds of the vital material in this community.

When the vast stockpiles of scrap rubber are ransacked out of attics and basements and finally totaled up, we shall have a better idea of how close we really are to gasoline rationing. There has been a great deal of debate and confusion over this issue, and not a little of it has been due to the cross-talk among Washington officialdom itself. Officials who one day warned the public of the present critical rubber shortage, found the ground cut from under them the next day by colleagues who discounted the gravity of the situation.

Despite all this misunderstanding, certain indisputable facts do stand out. Before Pearl Harbor, more than 90 per cent of our rubber came from the East Indies. These areas are now held by Japan. Synthetic rubber development is a wise step toward meeting our needs three and four years hence, but not today's urgent demands. It is likewise a self-evident fact that the nation's productive capacity is tightly meshed with the motor transportation that daily bears millions of war workers to their jobs, that supplies more millions of city dwellers daily with essential foodstuffs, and serves as a transmission belt speeding materials to war industries and military centers.

California, with the highest motor vehicle registration any state in the Union, can least afford any breakdown in her motor transportation resources. Second among states in area, first among states in volume of war contracts, yet possessing only a fraction of the raw service given states east of the Rockies, California industry and agriculture—as well as the railroads themselves—could not long carry on if the wheels of motor transportation should ever slacken and come to a stop.

Harbor City Sets Pace in Scrap Rubber Drive

When bigger and better salvage drives are wanted, Harbor City will put them over. Take that community's effort in the current scrap rubber drive for instance.

Originally, Harbor City set three tons as its goal, which we know now was too low, being only 1.5 pounds per capita. However, two days after the drive opened the quota was reset at nine tons, or 4.5 pounds per person. This quota was achieved in a week and the mark was raised to 15 tons, then 18 and now it is the ambitious goal of Harbor City leaders to collect 25 tons, or 12.5 pounds per person. And that, ladies and gentlemen, is something!

It means, in other words, that every man, woman and child in Harbor City will have contributed almost the equivalent of one tire each to the campaign, or a total of 4,000 tires.

Water Levy Cut 20 Cents Here

No indication has been given by the city council as to what the 1942-43 municipal tax rate will be but local taxpayers can look forward to a reduction of 20 cents in the municipal water district levy which is charged on land valuation only.

Superintendent William Stanger's proposal that the council reduce the present 55-cent municipal water district tax, paid by property owners within the water district only, to 35 cents per \$100 assessed land valuation was approved by the city council Tuesday night.

McGuire Elected To League Office

Mayor Tom McGuire was elected second vice-president of the California League of Municipalities, Los Angeles county branch, last Thursday night. Councilman Fred King of El Monte was elected the league's president to succeed Mayor Raymond V. Darby of Inglewood, and others named were Mayor Frank Chandler, Whittier, first vice-president; City Clerk Ruth Bruton, El Monte, secretary, and Councilman David Butler, South Pasadena, treasurer.

Labor Group Buys Building Here for Headquarters

Unable to proceed with plans to erect a new building at 810 Border ave., the Torrance Labor Temple Association took possession of the Focannon building at 1316 Border ave. yesterday following purchase of the site and structure for \$5,750, it was announced by Walter W. Smith, secretary, and Don Wald, member of the directorate.

The new headquarters of the association has approximately 5,000 square feet of floor space and is said to be ideal for meetings of all affiliated labor groups in the city and vicinity. It will serve as the main office of all C. I. O. lodges here and also as the headquarters for the organizing group now seeking memberships among workers at the new aluminum plants.

Incorporated in 1941, only a few minor changes must be made to the interior of the building to make it suitable for the association's purposes, Wald said. C. I. O. unions with members among the Columbia Steel, National Supply, Hydrex, Ideco, Rubbercraft, city employees and other units will use the Labor Temple quarters.

The association was organized and incorporated in August, 1941. Property at 810 Border ave. was purchased for the site of a headquarters and recreation building. Since the war, Federal priorities have prevented construction of the proposed building.

Formal dedication of the building is planned in the near future.

Council Renews Eleven Contracts For City Service

Principal business before the city council Tuesday night was the renewal of municipal contracts for the new fiscal year which began yesterday.

All agreements were renewed without increase in cost to the city over the previous quotations.

When Councilman George V. Powell suggested renewal of the city garbage contract, held by George Green, he was informed by other councilmen that this agreement still has two more years to run, that the contract was entered into last year for three years.

Powell protested that this could not be done but dropped the matter after he was reminded that he had recommended the three-year pact July 3, 1941. The garbage contract, subject of considerable controversy following its adoption, has three years to run.

Contracts renewed at Tuesday night's council session were: With Wallace H. Gilbert for five-year fire insurance on all water department buildings and equipment; with the county for public health service; with the Two Mac Electric for all electric lamps; with the South Bay Humane Society for public pound service; and with the Southern California Edison Co. for power.

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Cabrillo Paving Completes Long Sought Project

With the completion of the center strip paving of Cabrillo from Torrance blvd. to Carson st. yesterday, a five-year-project was realized here—but there was no celebration of improvement. If the war had not brought more serious problems there would have been a formal "opening" of the 80-foot thoroughfare, complete with banners, speeches, a parade and the traditional snipping of ribbons across the street.

Gardenan Issues Scrap Rubber Challenge

If Mayor Tom McGuire accepts Pat MacDonnell's challenge, local residents can expect an intensive campaign to collect scrap rubber here until the July 10 deadline—because Mayor McGuire doesn't anticipate cleaning Gardenan's streets.

Secretary MacDonnell of the Gardenan Valley Chamber of Commerce hurled his challenge to the mayors of Torrance, Compton and Hawthorne today to determine which of the four cities—including his own—could amass the greatest amount of scrap rubber.

The three cities collecting the least amount of this vital war material are expected, if they accept Pat's defy, to send their mayor and one other leading citizen to sweep the streets of the city that gathers in the greatest tonnage of rubber.

Aluminum Plant Opens July 4 But Without Fanfare

Brief flag raising ceremonies will be held Saturday, July 4, to mark the opening of the new reduction plant of the Aluminum Company of America at Normandie ave. and 190th street. All the usual fanfare accompanying the launching of a project of this magnitude will be foregone and production activities scheduled to begin this week, will be interrupted for only a few minutes during the flag raising program.

Because of war-time restrictions, the public will not be permitted to attend the opening ceremonies. It was announced by company officials. However, a number of high ranking government and military officials are expected to attend the launching of this important plant, which will furnish millions of pounds of critically scarce aluminum ingots.

County Gaining On L.A. City in Registrations

Growth of the smaller cities and the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles county is steadily overcoming the preponderance of registration held by Los Angeles city, according to figures obtained today from the records of Registrar of Voters Michael Donoghue.

Ten years ago, at the November, 1932, election, there were, in round figures, 700,000 registered voters in Los Angeles city, as against only 550,000 in round figures in the rest of the county. The ratio was approximately 7 to 5 1/2.

Today, there are 825,000 in round figures in Los Angeles city as against 700,000 in this community and the rest of the county. The ratio now is approximately 8 1/2 to 7.

Many Not Eligible Yet
The building boom of the last several years has resulted in about as many subdivisions in and around the smaller cities and in the rural areas as inside Los Angeles valley, although the San Fernando valley has accounted for considerable of the big city's growth.

More recently, there has been a large amount of defense housing in unincorporated sections, but many of the newer workers in defense plants are not yet eligible to vote in this state.

Political observers expect a huge increase in voting registration between the August primary and the November general election this year. During December, Registrar Donoghue's staff will remove the names of all non-voters at either the August or November elections from the great register of the county, as required by law.

"Honor Roll" Printed Again

For the third time, this newspaper takes pleasure in publishing the "HONOR ROLL" of 780 local men in the armed services of their nation.

Since the last publication of this list, March 26, there have been scores of additions and corrections. The staff has made every effort to properly list every man joining the various services from this community.

Naturally, there may be omissions and errors of spelling or address. We invite every reader to check the "HONOR ROLL" and if any such omissions or errors are noted, to inform us at once. The "HONOR ROLL" will be re-published for the fourth time at an early date.

